

Gary Bosence – Vic High Class of 1958



BOSENCE, Gary It is with profound sadness and grief that we announce the passing of Gary Bosence. Gary was born and raised in Victoria, and it was through judo that he met Sharron. Gary and Sharron married in 1964 and went on to raise their own family here as well. Gary passed away in Victoria on May 7, 2017 after a short stay at the Victoria Hospice. Gary leaves behind to mourn his wife Sharron and their children Tod (Diane), Tanya (Andy), and Tara (Terry). Gary also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Megan, Jake, Cole, Curtis, Callum, Paige and Jenelle. Gary was a very accomplished and respected judo practitioner having achieved his 4th degree black belt, and was one of the founding members of the Victoria Judo Club.

Gary spent many years teaching judo, refereeing judo matches and teaching at summer judo camps for kids, which he co-founded. Gary enjoyed many outdoor pursuits including hunting and fishing which gave him quality time with friends and family. He also spent many hours tending his backyard garden, which gave him great pleasure. Gary was a good cook and looked for opportunities to host his family for dinners and to share in his various culinary creations. Gary was a proud member of the Saanich Police Department from 1970 until his retirement in 1992. Prior to his career in policing, Gary had served as firefighter with the Victoria Fire Department from 1960 until 1970. Gary was keenly interested in his grandchildren's accomplishments, both in school and in their many sports activities. Gary spent countless hours on the sidelines of many sports fields and ball diamonds coaching, watching and encouraging first his own kids, and then all of his grandchildren as well. Gary's greatest joy came from the time that he dedicated to spending with his family. Gary has left his family with so many incredible memories that they will hold near and dear to their hearts. The Bosence family would like to thank the wonderful nursing staff and volunteers at the Victoria Hospice for the kind and compassionate care provided to Gary during his stay there. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to a charity of your choice, or the Victoria Hospice. A private family function will be held to celebrate Gary's life at a later date.

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